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REMARKS

Consistent with MPEP §1214.06, Applicants have hereby amended the claims that were rejected by the Examiner and sustained by the BPAI, to now include the subject matter indicated as allowable in the Examiner's Answer of February 14, 2005. Independent Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner, and dependent Claims 5 and 7 have been canceled for consistency therewith. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-22 and 24-33 are pending in the application.

In view of the amendments, it is submitted that the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. If any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



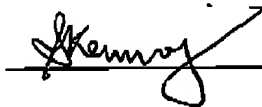
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